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**In re U.S. Patent Application of**

**TAKAMOTO et al.**

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**For: A METHOD AND STORAGE SYSTEM THAT ENABLE  
SHARING FILES AMONG MULTIPLE SERVERS**

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

**Sir:**

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on June 13, 2007, the period of response to which is set to expire on September 13, 2007. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: